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SUBJ: STUDENT DISTURBANCES CONTINUE-MIDDLE EAST

TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY CLOSED

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1. SPORADIC DISTURBANCES INVOLVING EXTREMIST TURKISH STUDENT GROUPS CONTINUED DURING THE PAST WEEK, WITH MOST INCIDENTS TAKING PLACE IN ANKARA, ISTANBUL AND EASTERN TURKEY. IN ANKARA THE RECTOR OF THE MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY (METU) ANNOUNCED APRIL 16 THAT THE SCHOOL HAS BEEN CLOSED UNTIL APRIL 28, AFTER A STUDENT BOYCOTT BEGAN APRIL 14 TO PROTEST ALLEGED PRESSURE FROM "FACIST" GROUPS. BETWEEN APRIL 9 AND 17 OTHER OUTBREAKS OF STUDENT VIOLENCE OCCURRED IN ANKARA, ERZURUM, ERGANI (DIYARBAKIER PROVINCE), KONYA, TRABZON, ESKISEHIR, DIYARBAKIR AND ISTANBUL. MEANWHILE, STUDENT BOYCOTTS (REPORTEDLY RELATED TO GRIEVANCES OVER EXAMINATIONS AND THE PASS-FAIL SYSTEM) WERE UNDERWAY AT THE ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY (ITU) AND THE PHARMACY AND DENSITRY FACULTIES OF ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY.

2. TURKISH POLITICAL LEADERS, WHO HAD GENERALLY REFRAINED FROM COMMENTING ON THE STUDENT DISTURBANCES IN RECENT WEEKS,  
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RESUMED PUBLIC EXCHANGES OF CHARGES AND COUNTER-CHARGES.

DEPPRIMIN ALPASLAN TURKES, DURING THE PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES  
ON THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAM APRIL 9, WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE  
"NATIONALIST" YOUT IN THE "COMMANDO" GROUPS WERE ACTUALLY "ASSISTING"  
THE GOVERNMENT SECURITY FORCES. IN RESPONSE REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S  
PARTY (RPP) CHAIRMAN BLUENT ECEVIT, IN A STATEMENT TO THE DAILY  
YENI ULUS APRIL 11, ACCUSED PRIMIN SULEYMAN DEMIREL OF  
SURRENDERING TO "STREET BULLIES" IN ORDER TO FORM THE NATIONALIST  
FRONT GOVERNMENT.  
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